Export of Textile Machinery to Pakistan

3860. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that All Pakistan Textile Mills Association has desired to import textile machinery from India; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to take up the matter with the Pakistan Government for allowing textile manufacturers in Pakistan to freely import such machinery from India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY : (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As signatories to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement, both India and Pakistan are obliged to give Most Favoured Nation (MFN) Treatment to each other. India has already given MFN status to Pakistan but Pakistan has not so far reciprocated. India has taken up the issue of MFN status on many earlier occasions but this has not elicited a positive response from Pakistan. Imports by Pakistan from India are limited to items specified in a list brought out by Pakistan. Textile machinery is not included in the list of items importable from India during 2001-2002.

Setting-up of the Specialised Content Bureau

3861. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a specialised Content Bureau under the Autonomous Communications Commission of India (CCI), to police the net and electronic media with powers to censor content;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when, the Bureau is likely to be set up; and

(c) the details of action Government propose to take against Internet service providers who fail to assist the Bureau in the interception of objectionable matter/contents etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR) : (a) to (c) In pursuance of the New Telecom Policy-99, it is proposed to prepare a new comprehensive statute to replace the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 keeping in view the rapid convergence of telecom, computers,